

REMARKS

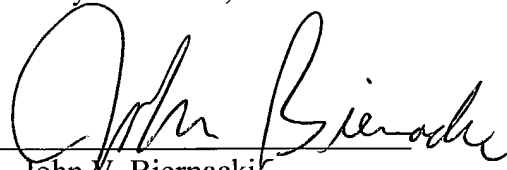
Claims 1-48 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 13-33 and 40-48 have been rejected. Claims 7-12 and 34-39 have been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, Applicant wishes to expedite prosecution of this case. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims to include subject matter indicated as allowable. Claims 8 and 35 have only been amended for the sole purpose of changing the basis of dependency. New claim 49 has been added. Applicant may wish to further prosecute the claims as originally filed in a continuation case.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and therefore the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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